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## AFRL awards \$9.8M research contract to Oneida firm

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ROME, N.Y. — The Air Force Research Laboratory's Information Directorate has awarded a \$9,817,581 contract to John Beyerle C3I Associates of Oneida, N.Y.

Under the four-year agreement, the Oneida firm will provide on-site personnel for research to increase the knowledge and understanding of next-generation Command and Control Intelligence weapon systems.

"This is an effort to exercise the government-owned, contractor-assisted (GOCA) concept," said Tony Dilego, program manager in the directorate's Information Systems Division. "GOCA was envisioned by the Chief Scientist of the Air Force in his 1999 Air Force Science & Technology in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century study."

"Contractor personnel will provide research and development expertise in command, control, communications, computers and intelligence (C4I) technologies," said Mr. Dilego. "They will be working on-site, side-by-side with government research teams."

Work under the contract will be across the wide spectrum of Information Directorate technologies, ranging from the Joint Battlespace Infosphere and advanced technology for Air Operations Centers to command and control weapons systems applications.

Current projections are for the contractor to assign 25 to 30 scientists and engineers to the laboratory. @